

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of adhering two or more components together, the method comprising:
 - a) exposing to a plasticizing solvent at least one of:
 - i) a first component that includes cellulose ester fibers, and
 - ii) a second component that includes paper having a cellulose ester incorporated thereinto a plasticizing solvent;
 - b) contacting the first component and the second component together to form a compound structure; and
 - c) curing the compound structure so that the first component and the second component become adhered together.
2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the cellulose ester fibers comprise a component selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate, cellulose propionate, cellulose butyrate, cellulose acetate-propionate, cellulose acetate-butyrate, cellulose propionate-butyrate, and mixtures thereof.
3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the cellulose ester fibers comprise cellulose acetate.
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the second component comprises a component selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate, cellulose propionate, cellulose butyrate, cellulose acetate-propionate, cellulose acetate-butyrate, cellulose propionate-butyrate, and mixtures thereof.

5. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the second component comprises cellulose acetate.

6. (cancelled)

7. (original) The method of claim 1 ~~6~~ wherein the paper second component further comprises cellulose.

8. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the plasticizing solvent is selected from the group consisting of dimethoxy ethyl phthalate, triacetin, polyethylene glycol, triethylene glycol diacetate, diethylene glycol diacetate, diethylene glycol dipropionate, dethylene glycol acetate propionate, diethylene glycol monopropionate, and mixtures thereof.

9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of exposing at least one of the components to a plasticizing solvent comprises spraying, dipping, brushing, or a combination thereof.

10. (canceled)

11. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first component is adhered to the second component to form a filter.

12. (currently amended) A method of making a filter, the method comprising:

a) exposing an aggregation of cellulose ester fibers to a plasticizing solvent;

b) contacting the aggregation of cellulose ester fibers exposed to the plasticizing solvent with a cellulose ester-containing substrate comprising paper having a cellulose ester incorporated therein; and

c) curing the aggregation of cellulose ester fibers contacted to the substrate so that the substrate is adhered to the aggregation of cellulose ester fibers.

13. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein prior to step b, either the aggregation of fibers, the cellulose ester-containing substrate, or both the aggregation of fibers and the substrate are exposed to one or more additional applications of the same or a different solvent.

14. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein the plasticizing solvent is selected from the group consisting of dimethoxy ethyl phthalate, triacetin, polyethylene glycol, triethylene glycol diacetate, diethylene glycol diacetate, diethylene glycol dipropionate, dethylene glycol acetate propionate, diethylene glycol monopropionate, and mixtures thereof

15. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein the step of exposing the aggregation of cellulose ester fibers to a plasticizing solvent comprises spraying, dipping, brushing, or a combination thereof.

16. (cancelled)

17. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the step of contacting the aggregation of cellulose ester fibers with a substrate comprises wrapping the aggregation of cellulose ester fibers with the substrate.

18. (original) The method of claim 17 wherein the filter is a cigarette filter.

19. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein the cellulose ester-containing substrate comprises a component selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate, cellulose propionate, cellulose butyrate, cellulose acetate-propionate, cellulose acetate-butyrate, cellulose propionate-butyrate, and mixtures thereof.

20. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein the cellulose ester-containing substrate comprises cellulose acetate.

21. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein the cellulose ester fibers comprise cellulose acetate.

22. – 35. (cancelled)